



605.07 Bio Degradable Water Soluble Bags

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605.07-1 Policy

- I. Jail staff shall be provided with instructions and guidelines concerning the proper utilization of Biological degradable water-soluble bags. Biodegradable water-soluble bags are required by the Florida Division of Safety and the Hendry County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) Pathogen Policy.
- II. Water soluble bags are a recognized precaution for the handling and treatment of materials following exposure to biologically hazardous substances and shall be available for use at the Hendry County Jail.
- III. The bags quickly dissolve in water and shall be used for secure handling and transport of biologically hazardous contaminated clothing and materials with the intent of laundering for decontamination.

605.07-2 Instructions

- I. Securing materials in the bag:
 - A. Avoid contact by moisture with the water-soluble bag.
 - B. Dry clothing should be placed in the water-soluble bag first.
 - C. Never place overly wet clothing in water-soluble bags. Overly wet items compromise design integrity.
 - D. Before closing, carefully expel as much excess air from the bag as possible.
 - E. Securely close the water-soluble bag with the red tie-tape provided with the bag. The red tie-tape is designed to rapidly dissolve, thereby ensuring prompter release of clothing during the washing machine's initial cycle.
 - F. The closed water-soluble bag should be placed inside another outer bag for transport to the laundry. A large brown paper bag may be used as the "outer" bag.
- II. Washing instructions:
 - A. Remove the water-soluble bag from the outer transport bag.
 - B. Place the water-soluble bag in washing machine:
 1. Do not overload washing machine.

2. Water temperature should be at least 140 degrees.
3. Detergents should be added ten to 15 seconds after the wash cycle has begun.

605.07-3 Storage

- I. Biodegradable water-soluble bags will be stored in the Medical Office and in the Booking Room Office.
- II. Storage must ensure that the bags do not come in contact with any liquid.

REFERENCES

State/Federal Regulations:
Florida Model Jail Standards

FCAC:
N/A

PREA:
N/A

Forms:
N/A

Other Policy/ Procedure References:
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